MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Nedumangad taluk is a somewhat agricultural taluk.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is it the opinion of the member that is to a certain extent 'yes' or is it that it is a purely agricultural taluk?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Agricultural to a certain extent.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Is it that the Government are aware to a certain extent?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The member may take it like that.

PRESIDENT: It is a commentary on the word *purely*. 'Yes' means, to a certain extent it is an agricultural taluk. That is all that I can understand.

Thuckalai Sugar Factory.

268. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the Thuckalai Sugar Factory:

(*a*) whether they have taken any steps to provide the Sugar Factory with Travancoreans fit to take up responsible posts;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the Madras Government have instituted scholarships for the study of Chemical Technology, including the technology of cane-sugar, tenable at the Andhra University and the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, Bombay; and

(*c*) whether they have considered the question of instituting scholarships for the study of Chemical Technology including the technology of cane-sugar by the Travancore students?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): (*a*) No. The appointments to responsible posts in the Sugar Factory are made by the Company and the contractors and not by Government.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether they reserve any right to question the Company with regard to its management?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): In regard to appointment to the posts there, Government has got a representative on the Board.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government the interest of the Travancore Government in the Travancore Sugars at Thuckalai?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): Government has taken one-fourth of the shares of the Company and they have given a loan of a lakh of rupees and a cash credit of Rs. 50,000.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the total amount of Government money invested in the Travancore Sugars Limited by way of shares, loan and cash payments?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): The share money comes to about Rs. 2½ lakhs, loan Rs. 1 lakh and cash credit Rs. 50,000.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Was the Sugar Company working at a loss in 1110?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): The profit and loss is calculated according to the English year. So it is not possible to say whether it was working at a loss in 1110 or not.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether the Company was working at a loss for the year according to the Administration Report for 1110?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the extent of the loss?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether there is any officer in the Travancore Industrial Department who has conducted a special study of the technology of sugar-cane?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): No, Sir.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the total area under sugar-cane cultivation in Travancore?

MR. C KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): I claim notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Have the Government got any power to prevent further loss by the Company?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): Government have not got absolute powers in the matter.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Have the Government got any power to prevent further loss?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): No, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether there is any written agreement between the Company and the Government under which money has been advanced?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): There is, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether there is any condition in that agreement regarding the sharing of the profits of the concern?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): Government are only share-holders and they will share the profit as other share-holders.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know whether there is any difference in the treatment of other share-holders and the Government in regard to the distribution of profits?

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MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): No, Sir.

MR. PACODE. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Is the concern working now?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): Yes, Sir.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know how long it is working?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): Since January last.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether there are Travancoreans in responsible posts in the Factory?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): The appointments to responsible posts are in the hands of the Company and Government as such do not concern themselves with appointments there.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether there are already persons in responsible posts in the Factory?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): There are some.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether the Government have enquired into the reasons for the loss in 1110?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): They are enquiring into that.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): May I know the number of members on the Management Board?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): Eight.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): How many of them are Government members?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): Four.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): And who are they, may I know?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): The Head Sirkar Vakil, the Account Officer, the Director of Industries, and the Executive Engineer, Nagercoil Division.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): May I know who the President of the Board is?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): The Director of Industries.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from Government who was the officer responsible for entering into this agreement with the Thuckalai Sugars?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): No particular Officer.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know who negotiated the agreement and on whose advice Government accepted the agreement with the Thuckalai Sugars?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): I cannot say.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether it was the Financial Secretary at the time on whose advice this transaction was entered into?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): I claim notice, Sir.

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SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*) : Was any expert consulted at the time when Government entered into the contract ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): Yes, an expert was consulted.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): May I know the name of that gentleman ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*) : Mr. Chari himself.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*) : Had he any concern with the Company then ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*) : No, only later on he had.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*) : May I know, Sir, the proportion of the working capital contributed by the Travancore Government to the Sugars to the total contribution ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*) : Government have paid for the shares and also advanced loans.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*) : I want to know the proportion.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*) : I claim notice.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know the powers of Government in the working of the Company ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*) : The Government members are on the Board and in the conduct of the business of the Company the Government representatives have got powers as members of the Board.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Can they look into the accounts of the Company ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): Along with the Board they may examine the accounts.

Grant-in-aid to the Atmananda Vilasom Sanskrit School.

269. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Manager of the Atmananda Vilasom Sanskrit School at Thazhakkara in the Mavelikara taluk has represented to the Director of Public Instruction the difficulties experienced by him owing to non-payment of grant to the institution ;

(*b*) the date from which the Manager has been running the school without grant-in-aid and

(*c*) whether the Director has passed any order sanctioning the grant-in-aid for the school ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 5-2-1109.

(*c*) No.

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